

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 29th 2002

EI5DGB Silent Key

Claire Whelan EI5DGB from Waterford passed away recently. She will be sadly missed by her family and all those who had dealings with her through amateur radio over the years.

Winner of QST Magazine Award

Declain Craig EI6FR won the QST magazine cover plaque award for August. Declans article was titled "The 2002 South Sandwich/South Georgia Micro-Lite DXpedition."

Quick off the Mark!

Congratulations to Mark Condon EI7FNB, who took and passed the new 5 words per minute Morse test recently. Mark, who is believed to be the first EI taking advantage of the new 5 words per minute test, is now awaiting his new "A" call. Mark was studying Morse with South Dublin Radio Club. A number of his fellow students are working towards taking the test at the Cork Rally. Joe EI7GY and Jim EI4HH, who are looking after the SDR Morse class this year, are confident that ten or more of their pupils will have "A" licences before the end of the year.

Mayo REN

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network AGM will be held on Wednesday October the 2nd at 9 p.m. in Stensons Lounge Ballyvary. New members welcome.

IOTA Claimed Scores

Claimed scores for last July's IOTA Contest are now available on the IOTA website. EI and EJ entries show the following rankings: Ranking in 12th place is EI7M Mainland Multi-op 24 hours Mixed Mode, High Power with 6235977 points. Ranking

25th is EJ4F Inisheer Multi-op 24 hours, Mixed Mode, High Power with 3869904 points. Ranking 30th is EJ5E Inisbofin Multi-op 24 hour, Mixed Mode, High Power with 3217667 points.

In the single operator section are EI7IQ Mainland 24 hour SSB Low Power with 557403 points. EI7CC Mainland 12 hour SSB Low Power with 349044 points. EI4CF Mainland 12 hour SSB Low Power with 275604 points and EI4DW Mainland 12 hour CW Low Power with 191496 points.

It must be emphasised that these rankings are based on claimed scores and are therefore subject to change.

2 metre Counties Contest

A reminder to all participants in the Autumn 2m counties contest that the closing date for receipt of logs is Mon 30th September 2002. All logs must be e-mailed or postmarked by this date. Electronic logs should be emailed to contests@irts.ie and paper logs should be sent to the Contest Manager, IRTS, PO Box 462, Dublin 9.

Your co-operation is appreciated in order to produce the results as soon as possible. Logs posted or emailed after the closing date will not be accepted.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

General Meetings of the club resumed on Wednesday the 25th of September. The next committee meeting will take place on Wednesday the 2nd of October at 8.00 p.m. in the usual venue of Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

Please note that the EI2WRC 2 metre voice repeater is now active again from Mt. Leinster. The move to Mt. Leinster was orchestrated by John EI8JA and Eoin EI8FXB and was in planning for the last number of weeks. Signal reports are welcome. Thanks also to EI9HR for providing transport on the day of the move.

If anyone is interested in doing night classes leading up to the class B license, please contact Mark on 087-6302026 or e-mail the club at searg@angelfire.com. If there is enough interest from west Waterford, there is a possibility that the classes this year will be run in Dungarvan. For information check out the clubs website at www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at

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